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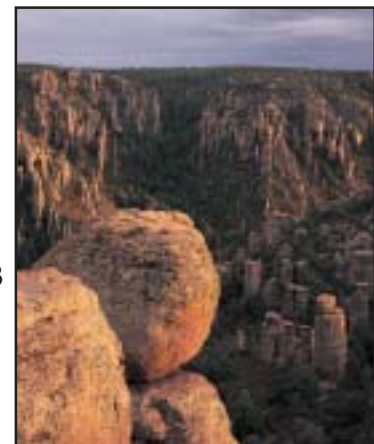


Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Troth

Task force rescues 87 seniors stranded by Rita

BY TECH SGT. GREGORY RIPPS
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Task Force Search and Rescue of the Texas National Guard helped move 87 residents of an assisted-living facility to safety Sept. 24 after Hurricane Rita passed through the area.

Task Force Bowie in Beaumont had received word earlier that day that the residents of Pine Forest Senior Center were in a school in Fred, Texas, without electricity or running water.

A four-Soldier Humvee reconnaissance team was dispatched to check out the story.

"We were en-route to Beaumont when we received the word," said Sgt. Maj. Robert Strzelczek, who was part of the team. "All we knew on how to find them was to look for a school in Fred, from the information that 12 senior center employees had moved residents to Fred two days earlier, in an attempt to take them farther from the hurricane."

Then he said that apparently, the less-intense storm had eventually caught up with them.

"When we found them, four of the residents needed medical assistance and two were supposed to be on oxygen," said Sgt. Brian Colt, another team member. "They were glad to see us."

With the report of the situation and the location confirmed, FEMA organized a combined Guard/civilian team.

The convoy consisted of 13 vehicles with Texas Guardsmen and a long line of ambulances manned by civilian emergency service technicians from throughout the United States.

Capt. Anthony Bryant led the Guard element.

Travel was hazardous, because the men could only rely on their own headlights, the usual streetlights or glow from windows not available.

By the time the convoy reached Fred Elementary School, members of the original reconnaissance team had already begun

loading residents needing the most urgent attention aboard three helicopters from the 3rd Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment.

After the ambulances arrived, EMTs began triaging the residents and determined that they had to be moved.

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Sgt. Brian Colt
A member of the rescue team

The patients were placed on stretchers and moved into the ambulances with the assistance of the Guardsmen.

"One EMT member had to stay with each patient," explained

Bryant. "As more ambulances filled, fewer EMT personnel were available to bring out patients. If we had not been there, the evacuation would have taken much longer."

"Just in case," the Guardsmen loaded water, juice and food on the ambulances as well.

With the residents, ranging in age from 58 to 85 safely on their way to Wharton, Texas, the Guardsmen on the ground began the arduous track back to Beaumont.

However, the feeling of having successfully completed their mission made the trip easier and in the abnormal darkness, they could see above them a clear sky with an opulence of stars, which seemed to be shining brighter just for them.

"We played a major role in this evacuation," Capt. Bryant said. "The mission was a success."

Editor's note: Tech Sgt. Gregory Ripps serves with the Texas National Guard Public Affairs.

JITC gets new commander, helps hurricane victims

SCOUT REPORTS

Defense Information Systems Agency's Joint Interoperability Test Command recently went through a transformation, and a small satellite office in Slidell, La., became a part of the command. During this same time frame, JITC also welcomed Air Force Col. Debra Dexter as the new commander. Hurricane Katrina directly affected the area where this satellite office resides and the flooding associated with the hurricane.

Under Dexter's direction, DISA employees here in Fort Huachuca and fellow DISA employees located at Indian Head, Md., rushed to support the personnel and their families working in Slidell.

The first actions in Dexter's new command were too stand-up a 24-hour Operations Team to handle all aspects of the disaster coordination and relief for their sister satellite office in Slidell. She organized an initial rapid deployment team of four personnel and sent them to assess the damage and start immediate assistance.

A second team with communications packages was then deployed, followed by a third team bringing donated items and more support equipment.

All three teams are currently in Slidell assisting in rescue and support efforts.

DISA's communications assets sent to Slidell will be used by NORTHCOM and FEMA as a

command and control cell and allow FEMA to have an emergency phone bank for Louisiana. The communications assets DISA's JITC personnel are setting up include landline phones, handheld radios, ground-to air-radios, secure and non-secure phone and radio assets, internet, and wide-band support.

At this time, three Slidell employees are still at large. Personnel at the office building in Slidell are making every effort to find these people including a door-to-door search. These people are: Nadeen Cooley, Margaret Berzas and Don Wheat. If anyone has any information on their whereabouts, please contact the OPS battle captain at (520) 533-2759 or (520)538-3426/7 or e-mail at ops.cell@disa.mil.

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NETCOM commander bids farewell

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NETCOM/9TH ASC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"It's been a terrific ride."

How many out there would be able to say that after working for the same company for nearly 34 years?

Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton, commanding general, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command, is on the last leg of a ride that started back in December 1971. After assignments ranging from company-level to the Joint Staff, Hylton ends his career in a place where he is very familiar. He was assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca twice; first in 1985 as the 40th Signal Battalion executive officer, and again in 1994 as the brigade commander. Hylton was familiar with Greely Hall, also. He served in the Inspector General's office in 1983, and as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, in 1996.

Hylton assumed command of United States Army Signal Command in July 2001. Army Transformation was underway, and Hylton was up to the challenge. The two main priorities as he assumed command were sustaining current missions while posturing USASC to respond to new missions as the command and the the Army transformed.

"I felt very comfortable from day one... we had a great staff in place," Hylton said. "We were postured and we had the right people in the right positions to be able to respond to both priorities that we shaped early on as we moved into this command position."

Just two months after assuming command, the nation suffered the worst terrorist attack in its history; Sept. 11, 2001. Several USASC Soldiers, on duty providing communications support to the Secret Service in New York, worked side-by-side with fire fighters and police to rescue and evacuate the wounded at the World Trade Center buildings. Several members of the command were inside the Pentagon when the attack occurred, and witnessed the devastation first-hand. Individuals and teams from USASC, and more out of the 21st Signal Brigade from Fort Detrick, Md., were immediately called into action at the Pentagon to repair the destroyed infrastructure there.

"We leveraged every capability we had to be responsive to the Army and to the Defense Department's immediate requirements as a result of the attack on our nation and the infrastructure that was destroyed," Hylton said. "But, almost concurrently with that, we immediately began to posture our tactical formations; specifically the early priority was the 11th Signal Brigade."

Elements of the 11th deployed just before Christmas 2001, to support the early stages of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 86th Signal Battalion, supporting the 10th Mountain Division (Light) from Fort Drum, N.Y., deployed to Afghanistan. With a mix of tactical satellite, line-of-sight and a lot of ingenuity, the 86th supplied the task force a mix of secure and non-secure data and voice communications, and video teleconferencing capabilities.

As the war on terrorism progressed, more and more often, NETCOM's units were called in to



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. James Hylton

support the constantly growing requirement for high-level communications services. The 7th Signal Brigade, 93rd Signal Brigade and the entire 11th Signal Brigade – to include elements from the headquarters – were deployed into Southwest Asia.

"At one point in time, about 79 percent of our command's total tactical force capability was deployed," Hylton said. "We were in a position where we simply did not have enough force structure to facilitate the continuation of this enduring mission."

The solution to the dilemma was to commercialize communications in theater. With the assistance of industry, the tactical Signal forces in theater were able to withdraw and prepare for any other missions required of them. Since then, between 1,200 to 1,400 contractors have been deployed at any given time to Southwest Asia – equal to two-plus battalions – over the last two years.

In spite of all the deployments and issues supporting the war on terrorism, USASC still had to transform into an organization that would eventually be known as NETCOM/9th ASC.

"The actions that were going to be required to transform Army Signal Command to an enterprise C4 (command, control, communications and computers) global organization were many," Hylton said. "We took a very hard look at what we perceived would be the eventual General Order #5 mission, which was the restated command's mission. Essentially, what we found out as a result of that mission analysis was that the Army Signal Command clearly had within its staff framework the capabilities to meet many of the missions that were anticipated or that would eventually evolve under General Order #5, signed by the Secretary of the Army; however, we were missing a couple of components."

Army Signal Command would comprise the core of the organizations; but there was a need for specialized organizations to tackle the issues of standards, policies and requirements across the Army enterprise. One such organization was the Enterprise Systems Technology Activity (ESTA), which was created to lead the enterprise engineering and implementation efforts. Several organizations within the Army Signal Command and

Chief Information Officer/G-6 (formerly known as Directorate of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers) were folded under ESTA.

General Order #5 was signed Aug. 13, 2002, and NETCOM/9th ASC officially activated Oct. 1, 2002; it was the first direct reporting unit in the Army realigned as a result of Army Transformation. Most in the command would agree that it was a challenging start, but not unexpected given the scope of the requirement. Hylton attributes the successful transformation – while still managing operational war fighting requirements – to a hard-working, dedicated staff.

Since that time, NETCOM units have been involved in every operation in support of the war on terrorism, numerous humanitarian missions in the Western Hemisphere, and major exercises. Those same units have also carried out their day-to-day missions supporting overseas theater commands, Homeland Security, the Defense Department, White House, and more. Army Transformation has also been the catalyst for restructuring initiatives within the command; and the command has been at the forefront of major changes within the Signal Regiment.

"I have great pride in our people and what they have contributed to our mission and the transformation of the Signal Regiment," Hylton said. "Our people have helped shape the organizing and equipping component for both our tactical and strategic forces, our network operational forces; they have helped put into place concepts like the Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, the network operations force design updates, the JC4 force design updates; they've done considerable work to enable our current force, but more importantly to enable the future force."

Hylton has, at every opportunity, done what he could to praise and recognize the people in the command. NETCOM's employees are, in his words, "the silent enablers." Most will never be featured in national magazines, mainstream newspapers or journals; but Hylton still thinks the members of the NETCOM team are worthy of praise.

To show his appreciation and let the NETCOM Soldiers and civilians know how he felt, one of Hylton's final initiatives was to recognize those who have gone above and beyond. Those who made a difference were dubbed "Heroes" by Hylton; and he says that all who work in Greely Hall, in the brigades, and around the world are deserving of the title.

"The fact of the matter is... they are indeed heroes because they work day in and day out to provide an enabling capability to our nation," Hylton commented. "I wanted people to understand and have an appreciation for the role people have had within the context of impacting our global mission. It ranges from the operations mission today to all the incredible work that's been done here as we've attempted to enable and influence and to shape the future capability."

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CFC presses toward \$400,000 goal



Photo by Esau Lolis

"This is something that is absolutely great," said Garrison Commander Col. Jonathan Hunter, as he holds up the CFC booklet during Friday's Luncheon. \$400,000 is this year's CFC goal.

BY ESAU LOLIS
SCOUT STAFF

Garrison Commander Col. Jonathan Hunter said Fort Huachuca could reach the Combined Federal Campaign goal of \$400,000 if the 9,000 Soldiers and civilians on post gave only \$3.70 a month.

"This is something that is absolutely great," Hunter said last Friday to a crowd of more than 120 at the kick-off CFC luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

"What makes America great?" is the theme of this year's CFC campaign.

Hunter asked everyone to reach into their pockets and pull out \$1 and place it on the table in front of them. On the podium were a soda can and water bottle. "What are you going to do with that dollar today," Hunter asked.

"You might buy a soda, you might buy a bottle of water," he said as he lifted the can and bottle up into the air.

"You probably lose more money in the sofa a day, than that dollar," Hunter said jokingly. He added that the dollar doesn't do much by itself.

Hunter asked everyone to put the money together in the center of the table and look at the amount of money together, driving home the point that every penny counts toward the overall goal, no matter how big or small the contribution.

Hunter mentioned several organizations to give everyone an idea of what was available.

"Maybe someone in your family had cancer, maybe you had sons or daughters in Scouting, maybe it's something you're personally involved with," Hunter said.

Hunter spoke about benefits of contributing saying, "This is a great opportunity for us to give back to the community we live in - give back to our own services we provide on Fort Huachuca - and give back to those charities that leave things to us, and basically, let's just help our fellow man," Hunter said.

Soldiers and civilians are able to contribute to international, national and local organizations that are listed in the CFC booklet.

Hunter said he feels confident this year's goal of \$400,000 is attainable and will be met. "Let's move out now, let's move out with enthusiasm, let's move out with passion, let's get this done and set a new standard for Fort Huachuca," he said.

The campaign started Friday and will continue through Nov. 4.

For more information, contact your unit CFC representative.

Citizen Soldiers augment schoolhouse staff

BY THOM WILLIAMS
SCOUT STAFF

Normally you'd find these citizen Soldiers holding down jobs like a diesel mechanic or city engineer in the Pacific Northwest, but for just about the past year, these reservists were augmenting active duty drill sergeants and cadre at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School.

The Soldiers are members of Company E, 3/415th Infantry Battalion, 104th Division (Institutional Training) part of the U.S. Army Reserves, headquartered out of Vancouver Barracks, Wash. The unit has 37 Soldiers augmenting the 309th and 305th Military Intelligence Battalions.

"Our normal mobilization mission would be to go and to train up Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers as they get called back to active duty," Master Sgt. Stephen Stairs, the senior ranking member of the unit, said. "Part of our division is down at Fort Bliss, Texas doing that, so this [mission] is a little bit outside the box as far as what would be our normal wartime mission."

Stairs was called to active duty in October 2004 and has submitted paperwork to extend for a year at Fort Huachuca. When he's not on active duty, the Sol-

dier is a city engineer in Richland, Wash.

"Right now the reserve drill sergeants make up more than half of the battalions drill sergeants for the 309th, so I think we are definitely needed.

"All of our guys are learning a ton, which is just going to help us when we leave here and go to other places, and I think there is a mutual benefit," Stairs added.

Personnel from the division hold a variety of positions in the schoolhouse from drill and supply sergeants to training non-commissioned officers.

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Goenen augments Company F, 309th MI Bn. and supervises 90 Soldiers who are attending the Intelligence School. He spent four years on active duty and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm.

"The least I can do is volunteer my time down here and help get these kids trained, that's why I'm in the reserves; when my country needs me, I'm there," Goenen said.

A diesel mechanic in civilian life, Goenen could be found Friday coordinating an M-16 rifle qualification range. Some of his duties on Range 8 included assigning Soldiers to records keeping duties and arranging for range control to remove a rattlesnake from a nearby road.

"What they bring to our team everyday is motivation and professionalism; they are mission focused and they want to do well because they know the job they do here as drill sergeants can carry over to that Soldier when he departs and goes down range to Iraq," said 1st Sgt. Ramon Prieto, Company F, 309th MI Bn.

When the Soldiers are in a reserve status, their mission, according to the Army Reserve Web site, is to train new recruits and Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. The unit also provides Soldiers with advanced training in their military occupational specialty and other professional development courses.

The 104th Division's mission when mobilized is for the unit's drill sergeants and training support units to establish and operate a U.S. Army Training Center while the Total Army School System units augment or replace instructors at proponent schools like Fort Huachuca's Intelligence Center and School.

TASS is the system the Army uses to organize training and professional development.

"These young Americans have uprooted their lives from their civilian careers and come out here to the active component and jumped on board want-

ing to make things happen without skipping a beat," added Prieto, who works closely with the reservists. "I'm very proud to serve along side our reserve component Soldiers I'm appreciative of the sacrifices that they have made."

There are six Institutional Training Divisions in the Army Reserve and they are located at various locations around the United States.

Editor's Note: information for the article was taken from the Army Reserve Web site at www.usar.army.mil/usar/home/index.aspx.

Drill sergeant attributes

- The most respected non-commissioned officers in the Army.
- Train Soldiers to fight and win on today's battlefield.
- Earn promotions quickly.
- Outstanding military bearing at all times displayed by drill sergeants.

Health center gets vision ready

BY MAJ. DEBRA MCNAMARA
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The new Vision Readiness Screening and Classification program has arrived and units have until April 1, 2006 before vision readiness will be calculated on the Medical Protection System, Unit Status Report. VRSC aims to avoid the kind of mayhem created by thousands of Soldiers deploying for Operations without their glasses. A commander can download vision informa-

tion from MEDPROS, just like he/she downloads the dental classification of his unit. VRSC compliance will ensure Soldiers and units are visually and optically ready to deploy.

The VRSC program requires that Soldiers receive a yearly vision screening from an eye technician, unit medic or a trained unit vision screener. The data is collected and incorporated into MEDPROS, the Army's centralized medical readiness database. Soldiers who have decreased vision will be required to make an optometry

appointment for a full vision evaluation. In order to be deployable, Soldiers who require vision correction must have two pairs of clear glasses and gas mask inserts (if correction is needed for driving) in their possession.

Commanders have been asked to assign unit vision readiness screeners and MEDPROS data entry personnel at the unit level, as per the Surgeon General's ALARACT message dated April 1. The Optometry Team will ar-

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Industry-Wide gas shortages expected to impact AAFES stations

AAFES PRESS RELEASE

Just weeks after Hurricane Katrina, Army & Air Force Exchange officials are anticipating another serious disruption to the fuel industry as a result of Hurricane Rita.

"Locally we will do everything possible to maintain our price as low as possible, maintain an in-stock position, and insure only authorized

patrons our using the pumps," said Stanley Young, Fort Huachuca AAFES General Manager. "If downtown starts making large jumps in the sell price of gas, our plan is we will only raise our sell price if the distributors raise our cost price. Once they settle down, we return to the normal policy of matching the lowest price downtown. If we start experiencing a run on gas, we will post ID card checkers at the pumps

to insure only authorized patrons are making purchases. I assure you that the Fort Huachuca AAFES is here to serve our military and will not take advantage of our troops in anyway possible during a crisis."

Texas has the highest concentration of oil refineries in the country and accounts for more than a quarter of the U.S. total refining capacity.

"Major suppliers have already

begun evacuating workers from gulf oil and gas platforms and drilling rigs," said Bob Ellis, AAFES vice president of Corporate Planning and Communications. "This has the potential to affect many AAFES facilities in the Continental United States."

AAFES operates 249 gas stations worldwide, including 177 locations in the Continental United States.

Operations security and internet safety

SCOUT REPORTS

Fort Huachuca, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, is taking a strong stance on maintaining operations security on the internet by providing guidelines for personal Web pages.

Do you have a Web log or blog, personal or family web page, or use instant messaging? If so, realize there can be risks associated with using these forms of media.

Estimates show that approximately 900 million people have Internet access. Realize not everyone on the Internet is a patriotic American. If you are going to post information out on the World Wide Web consider the audience – 900 million people! Some people use the Internet for disreputable purposes to engage in illegal practices such as identity theft, or even worse, use social engineering tactics to exploit you or your family.

If you are going to use blogs, personal Web pages or instant messag-

ing, be sure to keep safety in mind while doing so. Additionally, be careful not to divulge sensitive DoD information – information that by nature of your association with DoD the general public would not have access.

OPSEC for DoD personnel

If you are a DoD employee, remember information you have access to – even though unclassified, can be valuable to adversaries.

Be careful not to post sensitive information about DoD activities on your blog or Web page. Also take caution about the pictures you post on the Internet from your work environment. These can be valuable to our adversaries so don't help them conduct surveillance by posting photos of DoD facilities.

* If you are not sure if the information you wish to post is DoD sensitive information – ask your supervisor, or your security or OPSEC manager.

* In many DoD facilities photography is prohibited. Make sure the

pictures you wish to post do not violate DoD policy.

* Be courteous when posting information about colleagues and co-workers. Be sure to respect their right to privacy especially when giving names and posting photographs.

* While there are no restrictions on what you can say about yourself, there is a fine line between what you can say about DoD personnel and information. Be careful not to divulge official DoD information.

* Remember, just because DoD information may be unclassified, doesn't mean it's appropriate for the Web.

OPSEC for family members

OPSEC is a method DoD uses in order to identify and protect sensitive information. We do this by looking at ourselves from the "bad guys" perspective and then limit the details an adversary would find useful.

It's the same as using street smarts. Think about what the bad guy

would want to know - then take measures to protect yourself.

Family members play a key role in OPSEC. As family members you may have access to sensitive information. It's very important you be aware of the risks when posting information - even indirectly related to DoD activities on the Internet. Not only is it important to protect your DoD family member, but others in your household as well. You can help keep your family safe by:

* Not posting information about upcoming deployments or TDYs.

* Not giving details about what kind of work your DoD family member performs for the military or government.

* If your family member is deployed in support of a military operation, don't give details about the location or the activities your family member is involved in. Terrorists could be viewing your blogs and Web pages!

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Civilian of the Month for September

SCOUT REPORTS

Deborah L. Gearty is the Civilian of the Month for September.

Gearty serves as an Operational Test Officer for all Intelligence Electronic Warfare ground based sensor programs tested by IEWTD. She manages all budgets used to fund ground sensor test preparation and execution. She also supervises collection of data, at test sites or in Theater, and its reduction for inclusion in test reports. Gearty represents IEWTD at world wide conferences where IEW Ground Sensor issues are discussed.

Gearty distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious service as Operational Test Officer, US Army Operational Test Command, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

From Jan. 10 through Sept. 9, Gearty demonstrated exceptional technical knowledge, teamwork, and managerial skills successfully executing the Limited User Test of the Prophet Block II/III Signals Intelligence System and she produced critical information for Army Acquisition officials regarding the fielding of this system.

Gearty assumed Test Officer responsibilities on short notice several weeks prior to test execution and flawlessly planned and executed the Prophet Block II/III Limited User Test. Following the test, she ensured all required documents were delivered on time. Gearty also developed the scenario to ensure the manual and automated scenario scheme of maneuver was fully reflected in objects, elements, schedule units, attrition and key objects.

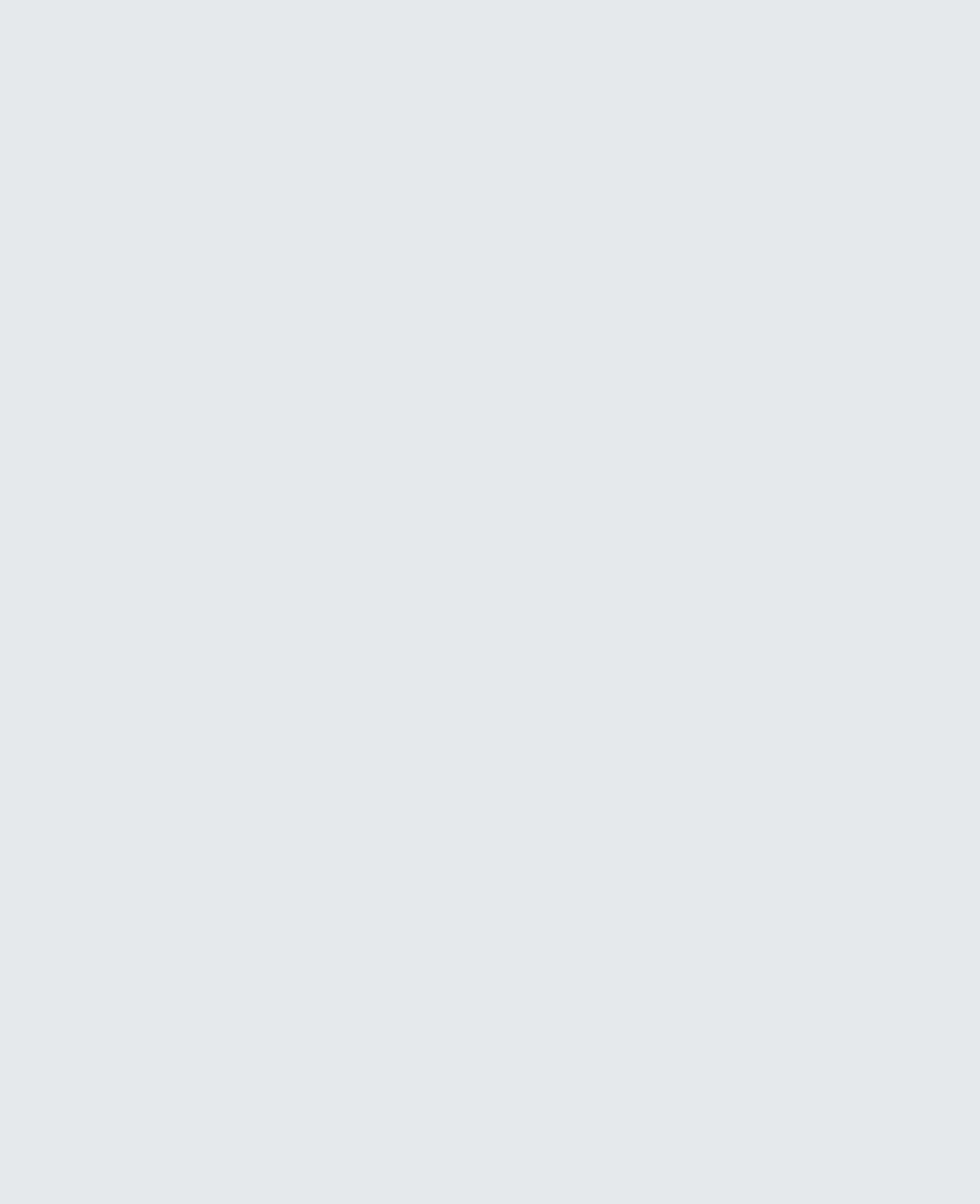
She ensured the accuracy and completeness of numerous complex and detailed test data collection and scoring

forms that fed the data base to support the System Under Test system evaluation report.

For the test, she developed and provided player products to test unit in support of system operational testing to include; OPORDs/OPLANS, Intelligence Annexes/Estimates, PIRs and target development products. She developed and provided relevant Modeling and Simulation certification data for input into the Verification, Validation, & Accreditation process for the first time ever, for both the Intelligence Modeling and Simulation for Evaluation tool and the instrumentation required to portray the threat systems.

Gearty also initiated a Business Initiative at the DA level to fundamentally change the DA process of deter-

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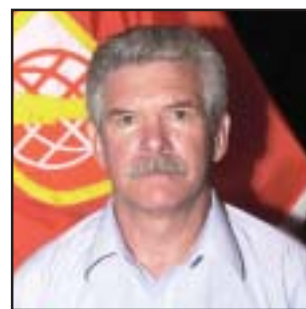
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'Salute NETCOM Heroes'

The United States Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command honored selected Soldiers and Civilians Sept. 19-23, for their contribution to the command's mission, as part of "Salute to NETCOM Heroes" week. The award recognizes those who made significant contributions to the success of the command, the Army, and the joint operational community.

"They deserve recognition," said Maj. Gen. James Hylton. "They deserve a very special thank-you, and I hope this effort will give them that feeling of appreciation and the rightful recognition they deserve."



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Col. Mary Beth Shively
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Dr. Michael Gentry
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Capt. Jerry Jette
HQ, NETCOM/9th ASC



Joe Capps
HQ, NETCOM/9th ASC



Col. John Blaine
HQ, NETCOM/9th ASC



Alice Bower
G1, NETCOM/9th ASC



Col. David Lopez
G3, NETCOM/9th ASC



Col. Joseph Garnes
G4, NETCOM/9th ASC



Debbie Pool
G8, NETCOM/9th ASC



Chap. (Col.) Arthur Pace
HQ, NETCOM/9th ASC



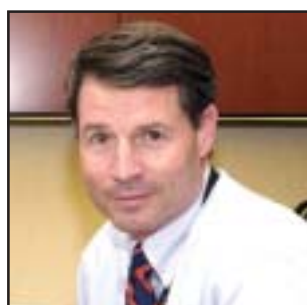
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Gerald King
G3, NETCOM/9th ASC



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Neal Hains
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Ronald Tolbert
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Charles Fulford
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Vince Speece
G3, NETCOM/9th ASC



Lt. Col. Mark Baxter
11th Signal Brigade



Staff Sgt. Travis McAninch
11th Signal Brigade

Courtesy photos

Range Closures

For more information on range closures, contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to change.

Store hours

Military Clothing Sales hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Jewish High Holy Days

Observance of the Jewish High Holy Days on Fort Huachuca will be as follows:

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish new year period.

Monday: 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atone-ment.

Oct. 12: 7 p.m. (Kol Nidre)

Oct. 13: 10 a.m. (Shakharit), 3 p.m. (Minha), 4 p.m. (Yizkor, memorial), 5 p.m. (N'Eilah), 6 p.m. (break the fast)

All observances will be in the Main Post Chapel auditorium located on the corner of Hatfield Street and Smith Avenue.

For additional information, call Chaplain McFarland at 533-4911 or 533-4748.

Become an Army Officer

This year the Army has expanded the selection criteria for Officer Candidate School, which is covered by

AR 350-31. In addition to changing the maximum age for applicants to 42 (up from 30), the Army has delegated the selection authority down to the commanding general level for FY 06 classes.

USAIC&FH will be holding a special OCS board on Oct. 12-14 at Murr Recreation Center. If you are interested in applying for this special program, you need to see your commander or S-1 for more information or call Rosalie Monge at 533-1503. Packets must be turned in no later than Oct. 5 in order to be considered and boarded for this program. (All Signal Soldiers should contact the NETCOM G-1 for details).

The next regular quarterly OCS Board will be held on Dec. 14 at Murr Recreation center. Contact Monge for more details.

Craft bazaar

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is having its annual High Desert Holiday Craft Bazaar from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct.15th at Buena High School.

For information regarding crafter/vendor tables please call one of the bazaar chairpersons, either Lynette Wilson at 378-5180 or Julia Prather at 459-1821. The cost to reserve a table is \$55. Spaces are still available for vendors.

In addition, donations of baked

goods will be graciously accepted for the FHCSC Bake Sale at the Craft Bazaar. For more information, call Wendy McDaniels at 459-0511 or e-mail at wendysh78@yahoo.com.

Training announcement

The Leadership Education and Development Course is a one week, 40 hour course designed to develop and hone the leadership skills of supervisors. The course is a mandatory course for new supervisors and will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17 - 21 at the Quality Training Center, Building 22420, Classrooms #3 and #4. There are only 21 seats available. Nominees selected will be expected to attend all sessions without interruptions. To register contact your activity training coordinator to review the complete training announcement.

Park University

Park University established the Davis-Monthan Campus in Tucson, Arizona in 1978, and is a part of the Park University, School for Extended Learning. We serve not only the military members and their dependents that are located in the Tucson area, but also students that reside in Southern Arizona to include Ft. Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Benson, and Bisbee.

Please visit our website, www.park.edu/davi/ to find out more information on how to get started, or call us at 520-748-8266. A Park University representative will be available on Fort Huachuca between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Army Education Center, Bldg 52104.

Language Conference

The 2005 USAIC/DLI Military Language Conference, "Foreign Language and Cultural Awareness: Force Multipliers," will be Nov. 8-9 in Washington, D.C. We invite tactical commanders from the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy and other end users of language speakers and cultural advisors to address, discuss, and formulate specific foreign language and cultural awareness action items.

There will also be interaction with command language program managers, language program designers and providers. We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues at this very important and timely conference. Please forward to those commanders, CLPMs, and other end-users whom you know would be interested in attending. Current conference information may be found at www.universityofmilitaryintelligence.us/main.asp.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal	Main Post
9:20 a.m.	Gospel	Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Prosser Village
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective	Main Post
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA	Prosser Village

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
Saturday	4 p.m.	Main Post
Confession		
Saturday	5 p.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Main Post
Mass		
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel
Mass		

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.	Main Post
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Catholic

Main Post Chapel

CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Adult	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Apologetics		
Adoration of the	Friday	3 - 6 p.m.
Sacrament Blessed		
Korean OCIA	Friday	7 p.m.
MCCW	1st Friday	7 p.m.

Protestant

Main Post Chapel

PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Kino Chapel

Women's Ministry	1st, 3rd Friday	6 p.m.
Bible Study Fellowship		
Adult/Youth	Sunday	8 a.m.
Sunday School		

Youth Church	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday	
Men's Choir	Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Women's Choir	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Adult Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	Thursday	6 - 7 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Thursday	7 p.m.
Rehearsal		
Youth Ushers	Saturday	10 a.m.
Youth Choir	3rd Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Youth Emphasis	4th Saturday	
Saturdays		
Drama Team	Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Youth Min. Staff	Saturday	10 a.m.
& Parents Meeting		
Youth Choir	Saturday	10:30 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Murr Community Center

Teens and	Sunday	9:20 a.m.
Pre-teens Study		
Parish Council	1st Sunday after service	

Meetings		
Women's Ministry	2nd Sunday	
Meetings		
Youth Ministry	3rd Suda	
Meetings		
Adult Usher	4th Sunday after	service
Meetings		
Men's Ministry	Saturday	8 a.m.
Bible Study		
Women's Choir	5th Saturday	11 a.m.
Rehearsal		

Muslim Prayer

Friday	11:30 a.m.	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

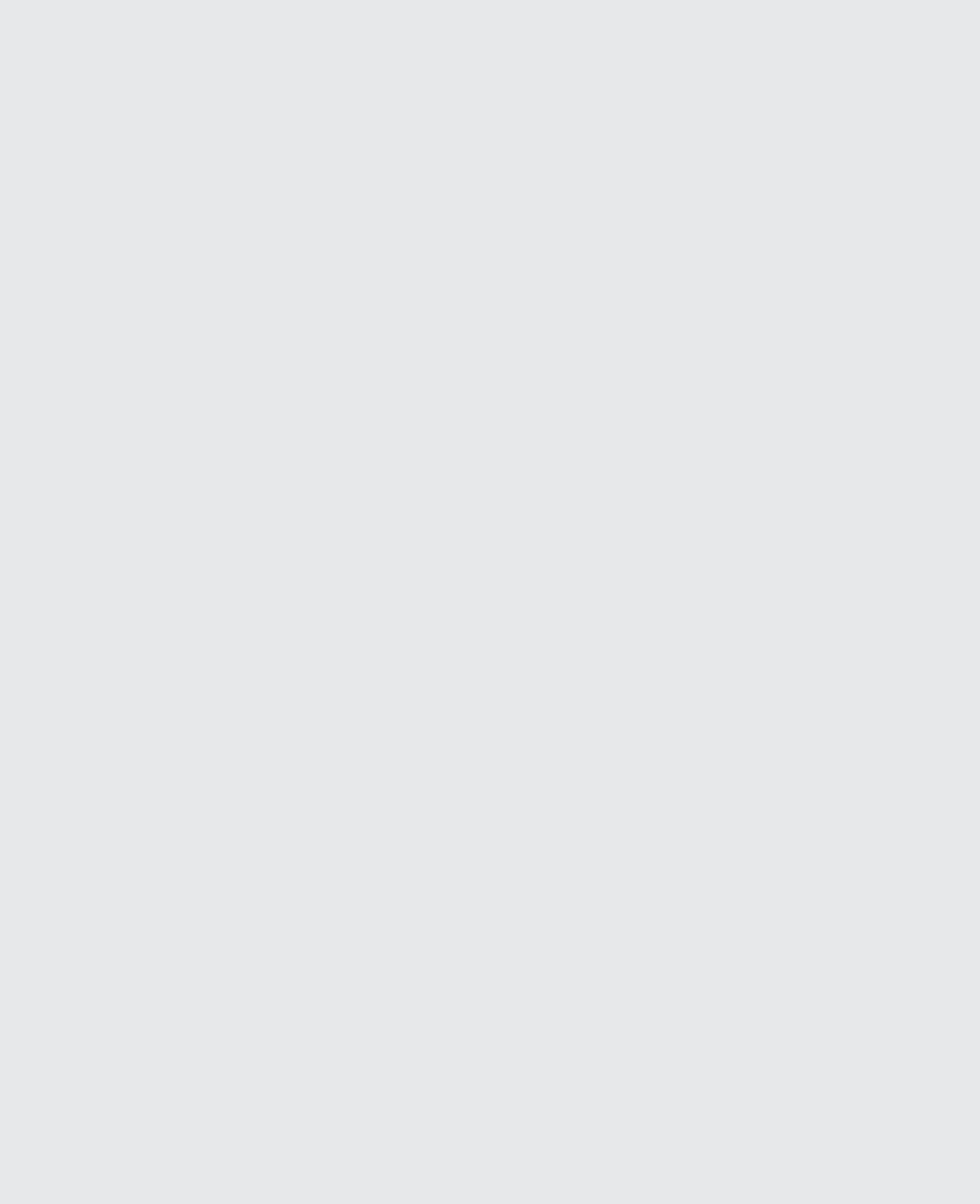
Tuesday	6:30 p.m	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday	10 a.m	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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HYLTON, from Page A3

ties of our regimental forces – both tactical and strategic.”

As his successor, Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, takes charge, Hylton is comfortable that those same people who have been working so hard and long to make NETCOM/9th ASC successful will continue to be successful under the new commanding general.

“They’re going to get an extraordinary leader,” Hylton said. “They’re going to get a leader that has a broad operational background from his experience at the division and corps level through his experiences

at the Defense Information Systems Agency, and of course his assignment just prior to arriving here from 5th Signal Command.

“Brig. Gen Pollett has a transformational, visionary mind that will be invaluable to the command as he assumes his leadership role.”

For Hylton, the time fast approaches and he leaves with good feelings about where the organization is headed and the people in it. He does confess that some things that came naturally in his Army life haven’t yet materialized as he transitions into retirement; he has no

plan.

“Having been in the Army a little over 33 years, not having a defined plan for the next series of moves is certainly something that’s foreign to what has been this wonderful Army life that we have lived,” Hylton said. “We leave with wonderful feelings and memories, great friends, and we leave with a level of great anticipation for what comes next.”

Editor’s note: Vince Breslin, NETCOM/9th ASC Command Historian, contributed to this article.

OPSEC, from Page A8

* Realize that even if you install security protocols or password protection on your blog or personal Web page – they’re not fool proof!

* Refrain from posting specific identifying information such as your phone number and address

* Don’t provide information that would allow someone to find you or your family. Writing about the school your child attends along pictures of your children are potential clues to help predators locate you or your family

* Don’t post your e-mail address

on your page. Small town Internet host providers and personal information contained in your e-mail address can be another clue (Ex: Rangerskid@smalltownisp.com).

Realize the bad guys (terrorists, spies and criminals) are out there just waiting to take advantage of others. Help keep your family safe by using OPSEC.

Internet safety reminders

Here are a few tips to consider when posting information accessible to the Web:

* Think before you post - once it’s

out there it’s gone!

* Don’t post inappropriate or embarrassing information about yourself or others

* Use caution when posting photographs

* Establish security protocols on your blog or Web page such as encryption or password protection. However, realize – these are not fool proof

* If you don’t want the information to wind up in the Washington Post – then don’t put it on your site

* If you don’t want Al’Qaida to know where you or your family

member is deploying to and what goes on there – than don’t post it on your site

* If you are going to speak about your role in DoD make sure to state that your views do not necessarily reflect those of DoD

Realize criminals use the Internet too. Don’t post information about yourself or your family members that would increase the risk of identity theft or other forms of exploitation. And remember to use caution when posting information about DoD activities.

VISION, from Page A5

range training dates for unit vision screeners, enter MEDPROS vision data on routine eye examinations, and provide a vision screening and MEDPROS entry for Soldiers who are in-processing Fort Huachuca.

In addition to vision correction, Soldiers now automatically deploy with eye protection, which has become mandatory on the battlefield. Presently, there are eight combat spectacles and four combat goggles approved under the Military Com-

bat Eye Protection Program. The Rapid Fielding Initiative issues free combat eye protection for Soldiers with and without prescriptions. The only free RFI CEP items that are used by the Army at this time are; the Oakley sunglasses and NVG Low Profile Goggle for Soldiers who do NOT require vision correction devices, and the UVEX-XC and the Land Operation Goggles for soldiers who require vision correction.

Combat Eye Protection is provided for

free by the Rapid Fielding Initiative (see unit PEO Soldier) during the deployment process but not from your local optometry clinic. The optometry clinic will provide eye examinations, order prescription eyewear to fit under the Land Operations Goggles, gas mask inserts, and one frame of choice pair of glasses per year. In addition, if a deploying Soldier needs vision correction, a set of UVEX-XC inserts will be ordered for the RFI CEP that will be received during the deployment process.

Other approved CEP can be purchased with unit funds, but commanders should be aware that over 35 percent of Soldiers require some sort of vision correction devices and the only approved CEP for those soldiers, at this time, are the UVEX-XC and Land Operations Goggles.

For more information, please contact Maj. Debra McNamara, Staff Sgt. Damon Evans, Staff Sgt. Randy Maurer or Keri Mixon at the Raymond W. Bliss Optometry Clinic at 533-9197.

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mining threat scenarios for operational testing to reflect current threat capabilities. Gearty will receive the use of a car for 1 month from Lawley Chevrolet, gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants, a desk plaque from CPAC, an MWR certificate for lunch or dinner from a Fort Huachuca establishment, a wall plaque from the Sierra

Vista Chamber of Commerce, and her name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Marjorie J. Hougland, Environmental Specialist, DPW, Randall K. Farmer, Supply Technician, CECOM, Paul Spranger, Range Controller, DPTMS were also nominated.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca

Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call CPAC, at 533-5273.

NETCOM/9th ASC welcomes new

NETCOM PRESS RELEASE

Signal Soldiers from around the world converged on Fort Huachuca to bid farewell to a retiring leader, and welcome aboard a new one. Maj. Gen. James C. Hylton relinquished command of Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command to Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett on Brown Parade Field, Wednesday.

Hylton took command of the U.S. Army Signal Command in July 2001 and remained its commanding general when the unit was redesignated NETCOM/9th ASC October 2002. The command is responsible for operating, managing and defending the Army's infostructure at the enterprise level, while at the same time operating, sustaining, and defending the Army's portion of the Global Information Grid, enabling force projection and the delivery of decisive combat power.

During Hylton's tenure, NETCOM/9th ASC personnel have participated in operations and exercises throughout the world, to include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Cobra Gold, Joint Guardian and Joint Forge/Dynamic Response. They have also pro-

vided signal support when the tsunami hit Southwest Asia, and hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Gulf Coast.

"A sincere heartfelt thanks to each of you – you have made a difference – you have indeed been the 'Voice of the Army,'" Hylton told the Soldiers, civilians and contractors of NETCOM/9th ASC. "It has been a humbling and distinct honor to have served along side each of you, I will never forget what you have achieved when our nation and Army demanded much of you."

Immediately following the change-of-command ceremony, Hylton ended almost 34 years of Army service with a retirement ceremony.

Pollett, a career signal officer with almost 30 years in the Army, takes command of NETCOM/9th ASC after commanding the 5th Signal Command in Mannheim, Germany, for the past two-and-a-half years.

"We are living in challenging times with our Army at war," said Pollett. "We must move forward aggressively to ensure the Army network enterprise enables the warfighter by leveraging technology, while transforming to significantly enhance our capabilities at the strategic, operational and tactical levels of execution."



Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer/G-6, Maj. Gen. James Hylton, outgoing commander, render honors during the National Anthem.



Photo by Spc. John Martinez

Maj. Gen. James Hylton takes the NETCOM/9th ASC colors from Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Desjardins.



leader



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeff Troth

...t-going commander, and Brig. Gen. Carroll



Photo by Spc. John Martinez



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Above: Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, incoming commander, takes the NETCOM/9th ASC Colors from Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer/G-6.

Above left: Soldiers of Fort Huachuca Honor Guard fire off 75 mm howitzers during the ceremony.

Left: The 36th Army Band marches past NETCOM/9th ASC units from around the world.



Service News



U.S. Navy Photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Bradley Dawson

Abroad the USS Iwo Jima

An MH-60S Seahawk helicopter assigned to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Fourteen (HM-14) sits on the flight deck of USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) Sept. 25. HM-14 is currently embarked aboard the multi-purpose, amphibious assault ship on station to provide possible assistance in the wake of Hurricane Rita.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Spc. Scott P. McLaughlin, 29, of Hardwick, Vt., died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Sept. 22 as a result of enemy small arms fire. McLaughlin was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 172nd Armor Regiment, 42nd Armor Division, St. Albans, Vt.

Sgt. Travis M. Arndt, 23, of Bozeman, Mont., died in Kirkuk, Iraq, on Sept. 21 as a result of a vehicle accident during convoy operations. Arndt was assigned to the Army National Guard's 163rd Cavalry Troop, 116th Brigade Combat Team, 42nd Infantry Division, Missoula, Mont.

Staff Sgt. William A. Allers III, 28, of Leitchfield, Ky., died in the vicinity of Khalis, north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Sept. 20 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. Allers was assigned to the Army National Guard's 198th Military Police Battalion, 75th Troop Command, Louisville, Ky.

Sgt. Pierre A. Raymond, 28, of Lawrence, Mass., died at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl,

Germany, on Sept. 20 of injuries sustained in Ramadi, Iraq, on Sept. 15, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using indirect fire. Raymond was assigned to the Army Reserve's 228th Forward Support Battalion, 28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, Pa.

Spc. William L. Evans, 22, of Hallstead, Pa., died in Baghdad on Sept. 19 of injuries sustained earlier that day in Ar Ramadi when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle during combat operations. Evans was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, Williamsport, Pa.

Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence E. Morrison, 45, of Yakima, Wash., died in Baghdad on Sept. 19, of injuries sustained earlier that day in Taji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Morrison was a reservist assigned to the U.S. Army Civil and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Three Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died in Ar Ramadi on Sept. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during patrol operations.

Killed were:

1st Lt. Mark H. Dooley, 27, of Wallkill, N.Y. Dooley was assigned to the Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Regiment (Mountain), 42nd Infantry Division, Jericho, Vt.

Sgt. Michael Egan, 36, of Philadelphia, Pa. Egan was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, Philadelphia, Pa.

Spc. William V. Fernandez, 37, of Reading, Pa. Fernandez was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, Philadelphia, Pa.

Staff Sgt. Regilio E. Nelom, 45, of Queens, N.Y., died near Al Asad, Iraq, on Sept. 17 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during an escort mission. Nelom was

assigned to the 249th Quartermaster Company, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Matthew L. Deckard, 29, of Elizabethtown, Ky., died in Baghdad on Sept. 16 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M1A1 Abrams tank during patrol operations. Deckard was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom died in Baghdad on Sept. 16 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their M1A1 Abrams tank during patrol operations. Both Soldiers were assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Killed were:

1st Sgt. Alan N. Gifford, 39, of Tallahassee, Fla.

Spc. David H. Ford IV, 20, of Ironton, Ohio.

Final local round of Military Idol competition tomorrow



Who will be Fort Huachuca's entrant in the first National Military Idol Competition? Find out as the final local round of the competition is held at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The

event is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Come out and support your favorite contestant, as they vie for the chance to become the "Ambassador of Army Entertainment."

The contestants who have advanced to the final round, and who are competing for cash prizes and the title of "National Military Idol" include: Staff Sgt. Thor Campbell, 269th Signal Co.; Pfc. Jeffery Eidson, 86th Signal Battalion; Spc. Saquawia Funderbeck, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion; Sgt. Dushaune Gaines, 556th Maintenance Co.; Spc. Jeramie Kramer, 86th Signal Battalion; and Sgt. Awanda Williams, 309th MI Battalion.

At the installation level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$100; 2nd place, \$250; and 1st place, \$500, plus an additional \$500 for the winner's unit.

The first place winner at Fort Huachuca will advance to the National Military Idol Competition to be held Oct. 17 - 22 at Fort Gordon, Ga.

At the national level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$250; 2nd place, \$500; and 1st place, \$1000.

For more information, call Marvin Wooten at 533-3802, the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre, or Saul Caraballo, 266-1666.

Right Arm Night tomorrow at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will host the next CG's Right Arm Night, beginning at 4 p.m., tomorrow. This is a great opportunity to relax and socialize. Pay-as-you-go beverages and finger foods will be available.

Call 533-7322 for more information.

2005 All Army Photography Contest

The MWR Arts Center is accepting entries for the 2005 All Army Photography Contest. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday.

MWR patrons are invited to enter their favorite color or black and white prints or short films in the contest, to compete against the best photographers in the Army.

For contest rules, or an entry form, call the MWR Arts Center at 533-2015.

Sign up for ceramic classes

The MWR Arts Center will offer a new ceramic painting class, 6 - 8 p.m., beginning Tuesday and continuing Oct. 11, 18 and 25. This class will teach the student how to under-glaze, glaze, dry-brush, chalk, majolica, engobe and how to apply acrylics. The cost is \$38 and includes all materials.

A ceramic pouring class will be offered 6 - 8 p.m., Oct. 6. The Arts Center has recently received an assortment of holiday molds such as Santas of the World, Nativity sets, angels and many more. Cost of this class is \$25.

You can register at the MWR Arts Center, Building 52008, Arizona Street. For more information, call 533-2015.

Several facilities open Columbus Day

October 10, Columbus Day, the following MWR facilities will be open for your convenience:

Mountain View Golf Course will be open 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Jeannie's Diner will be open 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. (the kitchen closes at 9:30 p.m.); Desert Lanes will be open noon - 10 p.m.; Buffalo Corral will be open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Barnes Field House will be open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Eifler Fit-

ness Center will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cardinal football packages at ITR

The MWR Information, Tickets and Reservations Office has NFL football packages for all remaining Arizona Cardinal home games. Prices start at \$112 per person.

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by ITR Office, Building 70914. They're open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.

Hunters' education class offered

The Sportsman's Center and the Arizona Game and Fish Department will present a hunters' education course 6:15 - 9:30 p.m., Oct. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 8 - 11:30 a.m., Oct. 22, which will be "range day." The class will be held at the Sportsman's Center, Garden Canyon Road, Fort Huachuca.

The course is open to all ages, and family participation is encouraged. Cost is \$5 per participant.

For more information or to register, call the Sportsman's Center at 533-7085.

CYS to hold open house Oct. 20

Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services will hold an open house and "Lights on After School" 3 - 6 p.m., Oct. 20 at all CYS facilities and at Murr Community Center.

There will be activities for parents, children and providers at all facilities, including games, arts and crafts. Rooms will be open to visit at the Youth Center, School Age Services and the New Beginnings Child Development Center.

You'll have the opportunity to visit the new Youth Tech Labs at the Youth Center and School Age Services, and the new Youth Services weight room. "SKIES Unlimited" program instructors will be available at Murr CC. For more information, call 533-8437.

Bike rental/repair moved to BFH

Bicycle rental and repair are now available on Fort Huachuca, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Mon. - Fri., and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays, at the east end of Barnes Field House

parking lot, instead of the previous location at Eifler Fitness Center.

For more information or to reserve a bicycle to rent, call 236-5969 or visit snsbikes.com on the web.

Lynda's Barber Shop open to everyone

Lynda's Barber Shop is open to the public 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can make an appointment by calling 417-9150. The shop is located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center.

Monday Night Football at Time Out

Time Out opens at 4:30 p.m., each Monday, for NFL Monday Night "Football Frenzy." Kick-off time is 6 p.m. The facility will remain open until the end of the game each week.

Time Out has six 19 and 24-inch televisions, plus a big screen TV with surround sound, so you can see and hear all the action.

Door prizes are given away each week, there's free munchies, and beverages are available on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Time Out is located on Arizona Street, across from Barnes Field House. For more information, call 533-3802 or 533-3876.

Book your cruise with ITR

The MWR Information, Ticket and Reservations Office has recently added a new service. If you've ever dreamed about taking a cruise, but never had the opportunity, ITR can help make your dream a reality. Whether it's a honeymoon, an anniversary, a romantic getaway for two, or a family vacation, ITR can handle all the details, so you can relax and enjoy the cruise.

ITR can set up your cruise with Carnival, or one of several other cruise lines. Call now to find out just how simple it can be to plan your dream cruise!

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by the ITR Office, Building 70914, Irwin Street. The office is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday.



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Movies

The Skeleton Key plays at 7 p.m. Saturday at Cochise Theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page B6.

Runners take on Reservoir Hill

BY ROB MARTINEZ
SCOUT STAFF

The 10 kilometer run was the last event of the Sports and Fitness Multisport Summer Series.

Michael Gue, manager of Eifler Fitness Center, directed the event. He said it was the first time they had planned a run that was partly off-road and uphill, and had kept the route a secret until the start of the event. It seemed to go over well. "The majority said 'Lets do this type of run again,'" he explained.

Gue has done many such runs. "I ran internationals in England on

track," he said. "But cross-country is my love."

One participant was pleased with himself. "I think I did pretty good. I did it in under sixty minutes; I'm sixty-plus," said Gene Larson, who is ex-Navy and retired Army. "I'm so glad I beat a lot of the youngsters ... had quite a few hills, it was excellent!"

Because of surgery, Larson couldn't even walk two years ago. He keeps active to alleviate the pain.

Larson won first in the Fifty-Plus category. He said the run was "cool... I think they did a great job."



Photos by Rob Martinez

Gene Lawson (in yellow) gets his second wind.



Runners approach the finish line.



Two runners climb the hill in the 10 kilometer run.

Winners of the Reservoir Hill 10 kilometer run

Overall winners

1. Brian Hayes
2. Carlos Hernandez
3. Matt Lorenz

Fit For Life

Mountain biking at Fort Huachuca

BY GEORGE R. COLFER, PH.D.
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The fall season is probably the best time to mountain bike on post. If you have never tried it or don't have a bike with you, rentals are now available outside of Barnes Field House. Open hours are Monday-Friday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can call for a reservation or information at 236-5969.

Mountain bikes offer a tremendous advantage in that one can ride anywhere. They can be used both on and off road. You can train on it, enjoy outdoor scenery on a recreational ride, use it to commute or run errands and still ride on rugged mountain terrain. Whether you rent or ride your own bike, be sure the bicycle is mechanically sound. Breakdowns can still occur, but good bike maintenance can prevent many malfunctions. Keep your tires at 50 psi for effective riding on or off road.

Except for a helmet, biking gear is optional. A good-fitting helmet is essential, but beyond that it is up to the individual and the type of riding

you plan to do. Suggested gear would include a pair of chamois-padded biking shorts, either the muscle-hugging nylon/lycra or baggy style trail shorts. Biking gloves serve two purposes. First is to provide a cushioning effect for the hands and second is to maintain a solid grip on the handlebars so that sweat or debris won't cause the hands to slip. A cycling jersey isn't necessary, but the convenience of three rear pockets for storage and moisture-wicking fabric can be useful. Without clipless pedals, any shoe can be worn, but a firm-fitting shoe with a rigid sole will get better performance.

A hydration pack or two 22 to 28 ounce water bottles are also a necessity for any ride. A basic rule to follow is that when your water is halfway gone, it's time to head back from your ride or to a source of water where you can refill. It's also wise to bring along some energy foods whether they are in gel form or energy bars. Fresh fruit, bagels, etc. are also widely used.

Riding off-road on post will require you to check the Range Control Report, which is posted in

Eifler Fitness Center or call at 533-7095.

There are endless off-road locations on post, ranging from easy to intermediate and difficult categories. If you are a beginner, you may find the Post Perimeter Road, which can be accessed from several places. One could ride this easy to moderate trail as a loop and cover anywhere between twelve and fifteen miles. For more difficulty, the Perimeter Road can lead you to the Brown Canyon Trail Loops, the Woodcutters Trail, Garden Canyon, the Sawmill Trail and the Arizona Trail. Looping the perimeter road only would include blacktop riding from the Aerostat Site (Antelope Way) and sections of Garden Canyon Road.

If you can load your bike on to a vehicle and drive out Garden Canyon Road past the Sportsman Club to the Leadership Reaction Course parking lot, you will have a more direct route to some of the best post trails and avoid post traffic to and from. From this point, you are within two miles of some excellent off-road cycling. You can access Garden Canyon (1.3 m.) or Brown Canyon Loops (2.0

m.). There are some really steep hills within these trails and caution is required, especially going downhill. These trails would all be classed as intermediate to difficult.

Wren Arena, off Smith Road, has a variety of trails and loops ranging from intermediate to difficult and you can park at Wren Arena. Other trails that can be accessed from this location would be Huachuca Canyon, Split Rock Canyon and Blacktail Canyon. For those more interested in touring and scenery, you can exit the West Gate (ID needed to return) and ride on and off road to Parker Canyon Lake, the San Rafael Valley or to the various historic ghost towns, such as Harshaw and Mowry, located in the area.

The best map for accessing the post trails is called "Mountain Bike Trails In and Around Sierra Vista". Unfortunately, the map is no longer available. However, a color copy will be posted in Eifler Fitness Center.

In mountain biking, rides are usually measured by actual riding time on the bike and the intensity of

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Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary



Countdown: Sierra Vista turns 50 in 34 weeks

EDITORIAL COMMENT:

The City of Sierra Vista will celebrate its 50th anniversary, "More than a city—a way of life," May 26-28, 2006. In support of the city's celebration, each month until the celebration weekend, The Fort Huachuca Scout will run one reprinted article from the 1955 and 1956 issues of the "Fort Huachuca Scout," showing what fort life was like 50 years ago. Each week, we'll print one or more highlights of what happened on Fort Huachuca a half century ago.

Sierra Vista was founded in 1956 and annexed Fort Huachuca in 1971. Now, as in the past, the two entities worked together and are involved in many partnerships.

The Fort Huachuca Scout has been in publication for 54 years since 1951. Morgue copies of the "Scout" are available for viewing at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, 3015 Carnahan Street, across the street from the gazebo at the west end of Brown Parade Field. Call 533-2622 for additional information.

Enjoy reliving Fort Huachuca's past 50 years, and reminisce as we travel back in time. - Joan Vasey

Reprinted from "The Huachuca Scout," September 29, 1955

Indian Fighter Founds Fort Huachuca

Who's Who in America, 1901-02 reveals that the founder of Fort Huachuca, Brig. Gen. Samuel Marmaduke Whitside, USV Col., 10th Cavalry, was born in Toronto, Canada 9 Jan. 1839 the son of a United States Consul.

He received his education at Toronto's Normal School and New York's Careyville Academy.

Starting his career with the U.S. Army in

1858, the general served the entire Civil War with the 8th U.S. Cavalry.

Three years after the close of the Civil War and on the 24th of November, General Whitside married Carrie McDowell McGavock of Nashville at San Antonio, Texas.

For 25 years, he saw duty in Indian Wars, on Arizona's Western Frontier and serving with the 6th Cavalry at Fort Grant.

The day after his feat of capturing the Sioux, Big Foot and his band of 400, the general took his regiment to the battle of Wounded Knee.

From 1891 to May 1898 he commanded successively Fort Riley, Kansas; Jefferson Barracks, Montana; and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He assumed command of the 10th Cavalry in October 1898, after having served in the Spanish American War as commander of the 5th U.S. Cavalry.

The general went to Cuba May 1899 with the 10th and served in command of the Department of Santiago and Puerto Principe.

Ask the Dietitian

The scoop on vegetarian diets

BY CAPT JENNIFER L. RODRIGUEZ
REGISTERED DIETITIAN

Used to be that vegetarian diets meant all you ate were vegetables. Now, there are many types of vegetarians and some of them even include meat! So, let's take a look at a few types of vegetarian diets and some health benefits associated with these diets.

The first type of vegetarian diet, known as "vegan" is what I would call the "tradi-

tional" vegetarian diet. Vegans consume only plant based foods and avoid all meats, poultry, fish and dairy foods. Vegan diets are traditionally high in fiber and low in fat. Certain vitamins and minerals may be lacking in a vegan diet. Because dairy foods are avoided, calcium fortified foods or supplements are necessary to ensure adequate calcium intake. Vegans require vitamin B12 fortified foods or supplements because B12

comes primarily from animal sources of food. In addition, if vegans have limited sun exposure, they may need a Vitamin D supplement as well.

Lacto-ovo vegetarians consume plant based foods as well as dairy foods and eggs. This diet can also be low in fat if low fat or non fat dairy products are consumed. Whole milk and full fat cheese can contribute high amounts of saturated fat and cholesterol and should be

avoided to prevent risks of heart disease and weight gain.

Semi-vegetarians consume mostly plant based foods but may also include fish or chicken. They may also limit their intake of animal foods to a few times each week. There are even semi-vegetarians who choose to consume small amounts of red meat!

There are many different types of vegetarian diets each with different considerations. Some benefits of

vegetarian diets include lower risks of heart disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure. Even if you choose not to follow a vegetarian diet, you will benefit from a healthy eating plan that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Happy eating!

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Arizona Tourist

Autumn comes to the desert at Chiricahua National Park

BY MICHAEL COLLINS
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As summer gives way to the fall, Arizona's heat will soon relent, allowing more pleasant conditions for outdoor activities. A noticeable vitality, a renewed spring in the step seems to emerge along with the change in temperature, and touring the picturesque mountains of Southern Arizona is a great way to use that surge of energy.

Chiricahua National Park is a natural wonder that can only be experienced adequately first hand. Unimaginable scenes of twisted geology and

modern art unfold while wending through the park as balanced rocks, spires and pinnacles routinely defy gravity before the unbelieving eye.

The Park holds enormous significance for the history of Fort Huachuca as well. The fierce Apache chieftains Cochise and Geronimo used the Chiricahua Mountains as a staging point to raid settlements in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Nearby Fort Bowie and a temporary camp was established at the park to patrol the area and protect the ranchers, miners and their families. Soldiers left evidence of their legacy by etching their names, date and unit into the camp's stone fireplace,

which may be seen at the Faraway Ranch House, one mile from the visitor's center.

Although riding horseback like the frontier cavalry is still a good way to get around the park, hiking is even better. Chiricahua features 17 miles of maintained trails in a monument that is 87 percent wilderness. Trails vary in degree of difficulty. The Echo Canyon Trail and the Heart of Rocks Trail offer spectacular views of balanced rocks, spires and pinnacles.

There are plenty of animals to see in the park as well, including javelina, coatimundi, white-tailed deer, bears, mountain lions and skunks. It should

go without saying you will probably want to keep your distance from the last three mentioned. Beware of javelina as well, because they can be fierce if they feel you are threatening their young. Snakes are still active, so watch your step or where you place your hands. Keep in mind, this is the wilderness; use wilderness precautions.

Colorful birds seen rustling through the park cedars include magnificent hummingbirds, Scott's orioles, hepatic tanagers, painted redstarts and black-headed grosbeaks. Although many of these bird names may not sound

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Community Briefs

Volunteers needed

Sierra Vista is looking for volunteers to serve on several of the city's boards and commissions.

If you have interest in any of the following areas and would like to support our community by working with the City's boards and commissions, you can find an application and additional information on the City's website, www.ci.sierra-vista.az.us. If you have further questions, please contact Jill Adams at 458-3315.

Airport Commission: Established to provide public input, through citizen participation, to the City Council on the policies and procedures that affect the operation and promote the growth of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport.

Arts and Humanities Commission: Established to advise the City Council on art in public places, to fos-

ter the City as a strong supporter of the arts, and to develop short- and long-term plans relating to arts and humanities.

Environmental Affairs Commission: Established to advise the City Council on a broad range of environmental issues and programs such as recycling, energy conservation, waste management, regulatory compliance, water conservation, and community education.

Municipal Property Corporation: Established to explore the acquisition and construction/reconstruction of buildings, equipment, and other real or personal properties suitable for use by and for leasing to the City of Sierra Vista.

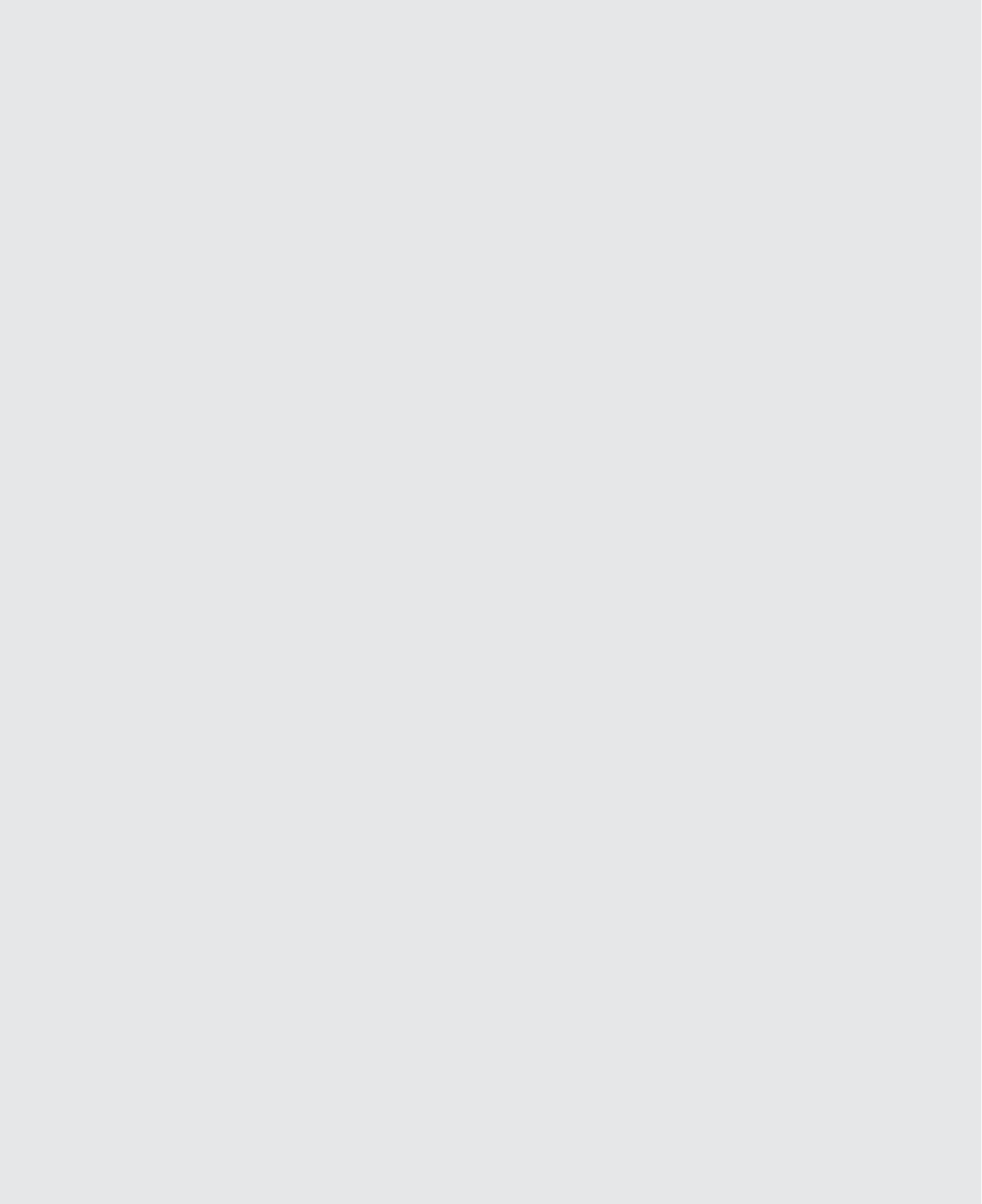
Museum & Historical Committee: Established to plan and conduct voluntary programs to collect, pre-

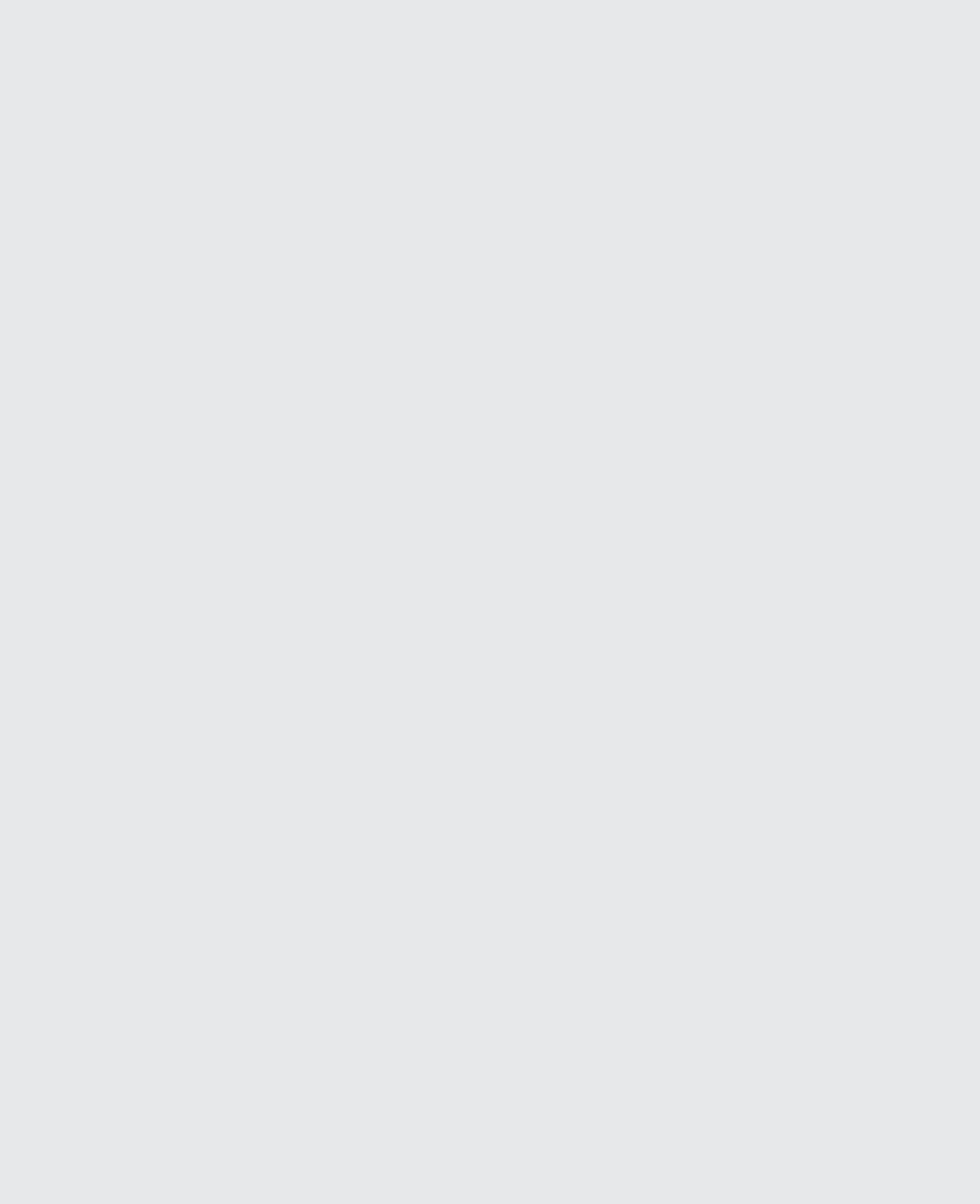
serve, and exhibit items of historical interest and to accept custody of all items contributed or loaned for exhibition.

Personnel Advisory Board: Established to make recommendations on proposed personnel ordinances and amendments.

Sister Cities Commission: Established to advise the City Council on ways to enhance our Sister City relationships with Cananea, Mexico, and Radebuhl, Germany, through communication, coordination, and promotion.

Youth Commission: Established to advise the City Council on matters of concern to the youth of Sierra Vista, to recommend and encourage programs beneficial to our youth, and to assist in the planning, operation, and evaluation of youth-related services.





Hurricane relief

The Fort Huachuca Thrift Shop is collecting items for Hurricane Katrina that will be delivered to World Care.

Items needed are bandages, antibiotic creams, soap, alcohol, aspirin, non-aspirin, non-latex sterile gloves, 3" roller bandages, sterile gauze pads, medical wound glue, liquid adhesive, vitamins, diarrhea and stomach remedies, antihistamines, antifungal creams and stool softeners.

Hygiene supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, combs, antibacterial soaps, waterless soaps, feminine products, baby diapers and wipes.

Youth Tae Kwon Do class moving

The Child and Youth Services SKIES Unlimited Tae Kwon Do class will permanently change locations Saturday, from the Youth Center to Murr Community Center. The class will continue at its regular time, every Tuesday and Thursday, at the new location. For more information, call Robin Gabert at 533-0710.

MWR golf trip to Starr Pass

MWR will sponsor a golf trip to Starr Pass Golf Resort and Spa, Tucson, Saturday. Tee times are 11 a.m.

Registration forms are available now at Mountain View Golf Course and the ITR Office. Cost is \$45 + tax and includes golf and cart. Deadline to sign up is close of business Sept. 28.

For more information, call Josh Gwinn at 533-0265.

CC Golf coaches' meeting

The coaches' meeting for the 2005-06 Intramural Commander's Cup Golf Program will be held at 10

a.m., Monday at Barnes Field House. Letters of intent are due at that time.

The season begins Oct. 17 at Mountain View Golf Course. For more information, call Tom Lumley at 533-5031.

Upcoming tournament at MVGC

The Greater Huachuca Men's Golf Club Match Play Tournament is set for Oct. 8 - 10 at Mountain View Golf Course. This is a GHMGC tournament, but individuals need not be GHMGC members. They must, however, have a United States Golf Association handicap to play.

Start time and format tee times will be determined by the number of participants that sign up.

To sign up, fill out an entry form, available at MVGC pro shop, and deposit it, along with payment, in the GHMGC box. Deadline to sign up is 4 p.m., Tuesday.

For more information, call Carl Biski, 452-1252.

Family child care training

You can earn an income while you stay at home. The Fort Huachuca Family Child Care program is looking for individuals who want to earn an income, raise their children at home and make a difference in another child's life. The next training begins on Oct. 17, and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 14. For more information on how to become an FCC Provider, call 533-2498.

Reminder: Fort Huachuca housing residents may only provide child care in their quarters after gaining approval from the Garrison Commander and the Commander's agent, the Fort Huachuca Family Child Care office.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Fort Huachuca celebrates Hispanic Heritage

Month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. Menu will be a "Hispanic Style" buffet. The guest speaker for the event will be Col. David Lopez, NETCOM G-3. The cost will be \$10. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Dana Williams at 538-0909.

Water Festival

The festival is an interactive learning event for fourth grade students that will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct 21 at Veterans Memorial Park (not including set up and take down). It is a cooperative effort between the City of Sierra Vista, Ft. Huachuca, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Sierra Vista Public Schools, Ft. Huachuca Accommodation Schools and Arizona Project Wet. Approximately 550 fourth grade students will be participating with 18 classes from Sierra Vista and six classes from Ft. Huachuca. There will be four activity centers. Each center will have the following three classes: A conservation relay, an incredible journey and get the groundwater picture.

Volunteers are still needed in various support (not teaching) roles. Volunteers will need to be at Veterans Park at 8 a.m. on Oct 21 and would be finished at approximately 3 p.m.

Lunch and an event t-shirt will be provided for all volunteers.

In addition for those who would like a complete overview of the event, there will be a volunteer training session held at the U of A South in the Public Meeting Room from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Oct. 11.

This is an opportunity to work with a great group of children and their teachers while having fun at the same time.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Wes Culp at 538-7283 or e-mail Wes at wes.culp@us.army.mil.

Pets Of The Week



Loki is a short, approximately 1-year-old American Bulldog mix. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.



Tom is a 1-year-old neutered, male, gray and white longhair. Courtesy photo from petfinder.com.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuacupetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation, stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Four Brothers
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Friday -7 p.m.

Undiscovered
PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

The Skeleton Key
PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

The Skeleton Key
PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

For the latest news on the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source.

The Scout will notify the community of the return of the Fort Report and until then, keep tuned to the CAC for other pertinent post information.



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the ride rather than by mileage. Don't over-exceed your physical condition or difficulty of the terrain. Use caution on downhill runs; they can be dangerous. It's no disgrace to get off the bike and walk up or downhill. However, too much walking indicates you should ride trails of lesser difficulty.

A good point to keep in mind when riding difficult terrain is to always focus on where you want the bike to go and not on the object you

want to avoid. For example, if you encounter a rock you want to avoid, don't look at it. Instead focus your vision on where you want to go to clear it. It may sound trivial, but it works.

When riding in a group, leave plenty of room between riders to allow each to choose his or her own path. Riding single file is safest on narrow or difficult trails. Ride on open trails only. Federal Wilderness Trails are closed to cyclists. Ob-

serve any posted signs and leave no trace of your visit. Anything you take in, take it out with you. Be courteous and yield to hikers, horseback riders, etc. Be sure to let someone know where you are going and your approximate return.

Mountain biking should be an enjoyable experience no matter your skill level or where you ride. Don't hesitate to take periodic breaks and enjoy the scenery and wildlife. Pick a clear spot to

dismount and always scan the area before moving around in it. Snakes are prevalent in the mountains. While only a few are dangerous, it's best to avoid any chance meeting.

If the rough trails are not for you, pack a picnic lunch and cruise down Garden Canyon Road to the picnic area. Beautiful, shady scenery awaits you and it's a great place to relax, but don't forget, you have to ride back!

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familiar, you will not soon forget the dazzling visual displays they provide. The Visitor Center can supplement the wildlife viewing experience with audiovisual program, exhibits, computer information station, and book sales.

Operating Hours and Seasons

Visitor Center: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily; closed Christmas Day. Peak season is from March - May.

Fees

\$5 - Seven Days a week. Consider buying The National Parks Pass, an annual pass that provides admission to any national park charging an entrance fee. This \$50 pass is good for one full year from the

date of purchase. The pass will admit you and any accompanying passengers in your vehicle, where a per-vehicle fee is required. It will also admit spouse, parents, and children at those parks where a per-visitor fee is required.

Weather and Climate

Temperatures are generally mild with summer daytime highs in the upper 90s and nighttime lows in the 50s. Winter daytime highs range in the 50s to 60s and nighttime lows are typically in the upper teens or low twenties but can dip into the subzero range. Moisture is evenly distributed, half during the winter as snow, half in the summer as rain. Daily

thunderstorms can occur from July through September.

What to bring: Sturdy hiking boots, with good ankle support, are highly recommended when hiking the trails. During the summer, light clothing for warm days and cool nights is recommended. Protection from the sun, bugs and plenty of water will make the trip much more pleasant. There are no nearby restaurants so make sure you bring something to eat if you plan on staying long. Take your trash when you leave.

For more information: Call (520) 824-3560 or visit www.nps.gov/chir on the Web.